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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Peter T. McCarthy

Group Art Unit 3612

Appl. No. : 09/311,505

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For : **METHODS FOR CREATING
CONSISTENT LARGE-
SCALE BLADE
DEFLECTIONS**

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be amended as follows:

In the specification:

On page 49, please delete "from a relatively material" and add --from a relatively stiff material-- in its place.

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-25, without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 26-37 as follows:

26. A method for improving the performance of a swim fin comprising:

- a) providing a shoe member,
- b) providing at least one flexible elongated load bearing rib member secured to said shoe member and extending forward of said shoe member, said rib member

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